

## CLAY COUNTY.

## Cattle Sales and Shipments—Local and Personal Notes.

Special correspondence of the Gazette.

Henrietta, August 2.—L. B. Collin sold his fine Durham bull to A. P. Belcher today for \$500 spot cash.

L. B. Collins &amp; Shumaker shipped fifteen car-loads of cattle to L. E. Strayhorn &amp; Co., of Chicago today. There are about forty car-loads awaiting shipment from here this week.

The city is filled with people attending court, and business is good.

Mr. Deery has let a contract to build his dwelling, work to begin at once. It will cost seven thousand dollars.

W. B. Worham has erected a windmill at his new place, which shows off immensely on the elevated prairie at the east end of the city.

G. W. Merchant and wife left for Pilot Point to visit friends and relatives.

Court Babb and wife returned yesterday from an extended trip through the Eastern and New England states.

E. F. Ikard left for Kansas City yesterday on business.

National Hotel arrivals: Jno. M. Warren, St. Louis; H. W. Steptow, Colorado City; Ed. S. Gard, Fort Worth; G. W. Pasco, Sherman; Louis Maas, C. W. Easley, Tom Collins, T. C. Thomaker, Tom Gepson, Pat Woolforth, city.

## Unlucky Bill Goggins.

From Golden Days.

"There was nobody a livin' in the forks o' Peach Tree and Pea Vine down in Georgy them days but my daddy and Uncle Peter—which Uncle Peter lived close to whar the two creeks jine, and daddy about a half a mile furdur up. Neighbors was scarce, and thar were a power of varmints in the woods.

"Any pants? Yes, a big 'am. He used to come around our house of a night and have the biggest kine of a rumpus with our dogs. Many's the time I've seed the dogs run 'un when he'd be a crossin' from Peach Tree to Pea Vine and back.

Well, thar was a man up thar by the name of Old Man Goggins which he had right smart of dogs. One day he heard a hog a squealin' down the swamp, an' he tole his two sons, Bill an' Sam, to go and see what was a pesterin' of it.

"Bill and Sam went, they did, and they hadn't got nowhar afore they seed that pesky pant'r jes' everlastingly gobbling up one of the old man's best killin' logs.

"Both the boys let into hollerin' es loud es they could squall to skeer the vermint off, and the pant'r turned loose the hog, an' taken arter the boys es hard es he could tear.

"Hit was lively times just about then. No grass ever grewed under them boys' feet—not as anybody knows on. But Bill he stumped 's toe, he did, an' sprawled off on the ground, an' afore he could get up, or even say his prars, the pant'r lit onto 'im an' commenced to claw 'im and scratch 'im dreadful.

Bill were monstrous skeered, but he had sense enough about 'im to make out like he was dead, an' the vermint kivered him up with the leaves an' truck and tuck arter Sam.

"Ole man Goggins heerd the boys when they gin' the fust yell, an' him an' Jack Peters drapped whar they was a-doin' an' run down toward the swamp.

"The ole man had 'is gun—which it was a double bar'l shot-gun—loaded with squir'l shot, an' Jack had a big knife.

"Well, they hadn't gone far afore they met Sam a gittin' up 'n' dustin' an' the pant'r after 'im like a streak o' lightning through a pine thicket.

"When the pant'r seed the men a-comin' he stoppered of a sudden like, an' turned back toward whar Bill was a-lyin' es still ef he was dead sure enough, which he was badly hurt.

"Thar the pant'r stood a switchin' of 'is tail, an' growlin', es much as to say:

"This yer's my meat, an' I'll tear the hind sights off'n any man that pesters of it."

"Ole man Goggins felt powerful jibous. Thar lay his son n' powerful dead, an' he was bleeged to git him away from that hungry vermint—least ways to try. But hit went mighty 'gainst the grain to tacle a full-grown pant'r with a thimbleful o' small shot.

"While the ole man was studyin' whar to do, an' doin' nothin', the pant'r made like he was a-goin' to set down an' make his dinner off'n pore Bill, 'thout even askin' the blesin'.

"The ole man couldn't stan' that. He up with his gun, an' blaze away with both bar'ls.

"When the smoke cleared away thar lay Bill a moanin', and the pant'r was up a gum tree, not more'n twenty foot from whar the ole man Goggins was a stan'in'. Jack Peters was right behind the ole man, which he'd been thar all the time, a lookin' like he wished he was somewhar else.

"Thaps didn't stan' that way longer'n it 'd take you to say Jack Robinson, 'fore the vermint hit out'n that onto ole man Goggins' shoulder like a thousand o' brick on a rotten pumpkin. Hit knocked the ole man kerdummax on the groun', an' his gun flew out'n 'is hands about ten foot.

"The pant'r hilt onto his shoulder with teeth like death to a dead African, an' it did 'pear like the ole man was goin' to be et up alive.

"But Jack Peters run up, an' with one swipe of 'is knife he cut the vermint's throat from year to year.

"Did that kill him? You can jes' make all day it did. But he hilt his holt on the ole man's shoulder jes' like he was alive, an' I ain't a-sittin' here this minute ef Jack Peters didn't have to prize his jaws apart with a stick o' wood 'fore ever the ole man could git loose.

"The ole man an' boy was both laid up a long time, but they overed it at last.

"Thar a boy was the unluckiest chap ever I seed, for arter he got well, thunderstruck him. But he overed it, an' one night he stole a melon, an' whilst he was a-runnin' off with it, a moggerson bit him, an' he overed that, too. Then he stole a horse, an' went to the penitentiary an' served out his time, an' when he come back, he killed a man, an' they hung the dratted thing an' got rid of 'im.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb were believers in spiritualism, and would sit for hours to receive communications from little Minnie Warren in the spirit land.

## Freezing Meat in Australia.

A Sidney (N. S. W.) paper says: At the head of Darling Harbor, the Orange Frozen Meat Company has a bulk fitted up with appliances for the freezing and storage of meat preparatory to its despatch by the Orient steamers to London. The lower hold has been converted into a freezing chamber, and here can be stored about 4500 carcasses of mutton or 500 of beef. Arrangements are being made for the formation of a second chamber between decks, and it is estimated that the bulk will then have accommodation for 10,000 sheep or 1000 bullocks. One of the first points which strikes the observer on looking over the works is the absence of ice or ice-making appliances, the system adopted being what is known as the dry-air process. A quantity of air is taken into a cylinder, and by means of a 20-horse power engine subjected to a pressure of 50 lbs to the square inch, which raises the temperature to about 300° F. The compressed air passes through a set of coolers similar to those used as surface condensers on board steamships, and by means of a constant stream of water it is cooled down almost to its original temperature. It then enters another cylinder, where it is permitted to expand, and in doing so the temperature falls to about 40° below zero, or 72° below freezing point. The whole operation only occupies a few seconds. This intense cold air is passed into the freezing room, where the carcasses to be treated are hung, and in the course of several hours the meat becomes rigid and hard as a block of stone. The time required to freeze a sheep completely through is about thirty-six hours; quarters of beef take from five to six days. A remarkable feature in connection with the refrigerating chamber is that notwithstanding the excessive degree of cold, little or no inconvenience is experienced by the visitor on entering, or even for some half hour afterwards, till the stock of heat contained in the body has been to some extent dissipated. The discomfort is not by any means so great as that occasioned by a cold windy day even in Sidney. The company has similar works erected at Orange. The animals are killed there and the carcasses frozen, and sent down to Sydney in trucks specially constructed with double sides, packed with three inches of sawdust. Thence they are taken aboard the bulk and kept till the Orient steamer is ready for its cargo, when the bulk is towed down the harbor and the meat transferred, in a perfectly frozen condition, from the one freezing room to the other. In London, again, there is a storehouse for its reception, fitted with precisely similar refrigerating apparatus; so that the meat, from the time of its first freezing at Orange till its delivery at the London markets has never been allowed to thaw once.

The cold air in the various establishments, after having been used in the freezing chamber, passes into a second room, the temperature of which is by its means kept sufficiently low for the chilling of meat required for the Sydney Market, and which does not need to be frozen. The expenses connected with the freezing, the carriage from Orange and the storage, amount to about 1 penny a pound, and 2 pence is paid to the Orient Company for freight, so that about three pence a pound is added to the cost of the meat before it arrives in London. The Orient Company has entered into an agreement for two years to carry sixteen cargoes averaging about 5000 sheep each, the freezing company to increase the number of cargoes at will.

## Woolen Mills in Texas.

From the Texas Wool Grower.

It is a little surprising to outsiders to know that the great and growing wool state of Texas has but one small woolen mill and that not able to clothe one per cent of its population. We say that it is surprising, but it is not when one learns the enormous profits made in almost every investment made in the state of Texas. If a man has capital to invest, it goes into land or live stock or both, and this state of things will continue until the proceeds of all investments in the state of Texas are reduced to a legitimate profit. Then, and not till then, will capitalists give heed to the fact that there is a good chance for profitable investments in woolen machinery in this state.

Texas is a state of large enterprises and we do not see why a few capitalists do not get together and organize a woolen mill, or, say, 10 sets of machinery that will return them a safe profit no matter what the time may be in the older states for they could make goods especially adapted for the consumption of their own state. This result will obtain simply because every yard of goods will be used in the state where made, every pair of blankets and lap robes will find a ready market at home. Of course competition would soon start up in this line, but the profit would be gradually reduced to a legitimate business as they are in the older states. It is the first mill well managed that will pay the best profit on the investment. As ready-made clothing is all the rage in these days, we would suggest that the establishment for cutting up the goods into suits should be a part of the mill proper, and this would save many salaries and profits that are now much divided. It would be just as easy to sell the clothing ready made from the mill as to sell it from a ready-made clothing establishment. By this method the clothing could be made up some weeks later in the season than is now done in the Eastern states, and also a great saving of interests and a less liability of carrying goods over to another season. This may seem a little in advance of our times and yet it is surprising it has not been done long ago. There is not one single reason that can be urged against it, and very much financially in its favor. If a mill of this kind was started in Texas, the freight for some thousands of miles on wool and dirt would be saved, besides the freight on the ready-made clothing now paid from the Eastern States to Texas, as well as the interest on the investment during transit. The question of manufacturing in Texas is hardly a matter of choice with its capitalists. It has got to come; it is only a question of time and who will lead in the enterprise.

## What Mesmerism Is.

From the Cincinnati Saturday Night.

"What's mesmerism?" asked Pool's little boy the other day. "Mesmerism, son, is the—well, let's see, how can I make you understand it? It is the—where's your dictionary? But no, never mind, I'll explain it in another way," and then Pool, who thinks he has a remarkably powerful mind undertook to explain a mesmerist's influence on his son. Fixing his eyes on his son in a way that made the boy shudder, he said as he pointed to the clock: "See that pretty bird? Hear it sing! Let's catch it and put it in a cage," and he got up and dragged the unwilling boy after. "Pretty bird! pretty bird," he said as he patted the clock. Then the boy broke away with an awful yell, knocking the clock down in his terror, and yelling "Ma! ma! Pa's got the jims again." And that would up Pool's experiments in mesmerism.

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